Mayor Moritz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilman Rodney Mullins offered the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Those present per roll call taken by City Clerk Tammi Casey: Mayor Moritz, Blacksher, Allen, Seidenstricker, Rethmeyer, Fleischmann, Mullins, Plunk (excused), McArthur (excused), Traxler, Turner, Lehmann (excused), Sweeney, Crutchley, Pogorzelski, Kroupa (excused) and Chief Carroll.

Mayor Moritz asked for a motion to move Bill No 2921 to the end of tonight's agenda.

EJ Fleischmann made a motion and so moved to move Bill No 2921 to the end of tonight's agenda. Seconded by Peggy Allen. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk (excused); McArthur, (excused); 6 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Lisa Crow with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) spoke to council regarding their fundraising Gala, which will be held at the Clubhouse of the Oak Valley Golf Course in Pevely on April 11, 2026. She explained that CASA provides court appointed trained volunteer advocates for children in foster care. Ms. Crow requested that council spread the word about CASA and encouraged everyone to attend the Gala.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 08, 2026 SPECIAL MTG**
B. **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2026**
C. **PAYROLL WARRANT #T00968 IN THE AMOUNT OF $495,938.74**
D. **GENERAL WARRANT #5899 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,045,555.24**

Troy Blacksher made a motion and so moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Michael Rethmeyer. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk (excused); McArthur, (excused); 6 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES

BILL NO 2920 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE III OF THE TRAFFIC CODE, KNOWN AS "PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS" was read twice by City Clerk Tammi Casey. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk (excused); McArthur, (excused); 6 Yeas: **Ordinance passed.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO 26-03 – A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE ON THE PARKS BOARD WITH DIFFERENT EXPIRATION DATES

Michael Rethmeyer made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-03. Seconded by Troy Blacksher. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk (excused); McArthur, (excused); 6 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

RESOLUTION NO 26-04 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUDY SMITH TO SERVE ON THE TOURISM COMMISSION

Rodney Mullins made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-04. Seconded by EJ Fleischmann. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk (excused); McArthur, (excused); 6 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

MOTIONS

A. A MOTION TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Tammi Casey stated the Liquor Committee had nothing to bring forward this evening.

B. A MOTION TO APPROVE MIDWEST DENTAL AND ORAL SURGERY CLINIC CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Sarah Turner informed council that the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding this CUP at its January 13, 2026 meeting and is forwarding a recommendation of approval by unanimous vote. If no action is taken tonight the CUP stands approved. No action was taken.

C. A MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LITIGATION AND REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO RSMO 610.021 (1) AND (2)

Peggy Allen made a motion and so moved to hold a closed session immediately following the city council meeting. Seconded by Tim Seidenstricker. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk (excused); McArthur, (excused); 6 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Moritz – Spoke to council regarding proposed Senate Bill 1239, which would eliminate the state sales tax on the retail sale of food and phase out local sales taxes on food in equal increments over four years. For Arnold alone, this would result in a projected $4.5 million loss in revenue, forcing lay offs of an estimated 25-35% of the city workforce, including police officers. According to the Missouri Department of Revenue, eliminating the food sales tax would create an estimated $1 billion loss to local governments statewide, severely impacting essential public services. Mayor Moritz also spoke regarding proposed Senate Bill 1344. Under current state law, only St. Louis County is authorized to create a boundary commission. SB 1344 would extend that authority to Jefferson County. If enacted, all cities within the county would be required to submit any and all annexation proposals to the county for review. Should the county deny a proposal, the affected city would have no avenue for appeal or recourse. In response, mayors and city administrators from eight municipalities within Jefferson County met this week to discuss the potential impacts of this legislation. A letter expressing the City's opposition to Senate Bills 1239 and 1344 will soon be distributed to council members for signature. The letter will be presented at the MML Legislative Conference and delivered to Senators Mary Elizabeth Coleman and Mike Henderson, as well as the members of the Missouri House of Representatives representing Jefferson County. Mayor Moritz informed council that he and councilman Rodney Mullins participated in a ride-along with the snowplow crew and were extremely impressed with the performance of our staff.

Each council member commended City staff for their snowplowing and salting efforts during the most recent storm, which produced 11 inches of snow.

Peggy Allen, Ward 3 – Stated she attended the last Farmers Market meeting, which had 150 people/vendors in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Anthony Traxler – Echoed the comments praising snow removal efforts, noting that City staff worked. Mr. Traxler stated that due to the lack of agenda items, next week's Work Session will be cancelled.

Sarah Turner – Informed council that staff is currently discussing the possibility of changing city code in regard to required procedures followed when filing for a conditional use permit. If any changes are deemed necessary, it will be brought to council for approval.

Bob Sweeney – Indicated his agreement with Mayor Moritz's comments regarding Senate Bills 1239 and 1344.

BILL NO 2921 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ARNOLD TO INITIATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE was read twice by City Clerk Tammi Casey. Roll call vote: Blacksher, yes; Allen, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Mullins, yes; Plunk, yes; McArthur, (excused); 7 Yeas: **Ordinance passed.**

Mayor Moritz announced a 10-minute recess before going into Closed Session.

Closed Session ended at 8:37 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rodney Mullins. Seconded by Peggy Allen.

Voice vote: All Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Tammi Casey

City Clerk Tammi Casey, CMC/MRCC-S

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:		ROLL CALL	MOTION TO MOVE BILL NO 2921 TO END OF AGENDA	CONSENT AGENDA	BILL NO 2920	RESOLUTION NO 26-03	RESOLUTION NO 26-04
MAYOR	BILL MORITZ	PRESENT					
COUNCIL:	TROY BLACKSHER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	PEGGY ALLEN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	TIM SEIDENSTRICKER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL RETHMEYER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	EJ FLEISCHMANN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	RODNEY MULLINS	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	GARY PLUNK	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED
COUNCIL:	BRIAN MCARTHUR	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	EXCUSED
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	ANTHONY TRAXLER	PRESENT	PARKS DIR:		DAVE CRUTCHLEY		PRESENT
CITY CLERK	TAMMI CASEY	PRESENT	PUBLIC WORKS:		JAMES POGORZELSKI		PRESENT
COM DEV	SARAH TURNER	PRESENT	TREASURER:		DAN KROUPA		EXCUSED
FINANCE DIRECTOR	BILL LEHMANN	EXCUSED	POLICE DEPT.		CHIEF CARROLL		PRESENT
CITY ATTORNEY	BOB SWEENEY	PRESENT					

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:		MOTION TO HOLD CLOED SESSION	BILL NO 2921				
MAYOR	BILL MORITZ						
COUNCIL:	TROY BLACKSHER	YES	YES				
COUNCIL:	PEGGY ALLEN	YES	YES				
COUNCIL:	TIM SEIDENSTRICKER	YES	YES				
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL RETHMEYER	YES	YES				
COUNCIL:	EJ FLEISCHMANN	YES	YES				
COUNCIL:	RODNEY MULLINS	YES	YES				
COUNCIL:	GARY PLUNK	EXCUSED	EXCUSED				
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